

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (New): A method for anonymous identification of profiles of subscribers in a communications system comprising:

defining subscriber-specific profiles via an input unit of a communication appliance and storing the subscriber-specific profiles in at least one of the communication appliance and a module that is coupled to the communication appliance;

collecting profiles of other subscribers in the communications system through the module coupled to the communication appliance using wireless, locally restricted network technology;

comparing the collected profiles with the profile defined and stored in one of the communication appliance and module, wherein the profile is one of rejected or signaled to another subscriber based on comparison with a subscriber specific correlation threshold; and

establishing a communication connection between subscribers via an intermediate provider in the communications system whenever subscriber end activation takes place.

Claim 14 (New): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the wireless, locally limited network technology is one of a local area network (LAN) and a personal area network (PAN) utilizing Bluetooth technology.

Claim 15 (New): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein a respective mobile communication appliance, which operates in accordance with a standard, is used as the respective communication appliance, with the standard being selected from a group consisting of GSM, GPRS, EDGE and UMTS.

Claim 16 (New): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein each module of a subscriber is allocated an ID number.

Claim 17 (New): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the input unit comprises a computer.

Claim 18 (New): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein each subscriber in the communications system is assigned a respective neutral telephone number in order to set up a communication connection between subscribers.

Claim 19 (New): The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the neutral telephone numbers are assigned temporarily.

Claim 20 (New): An apparatus comprising:

- a module configured to one of integrate in a mobile communication appliance or couple via an interface to the mobile communication appliance, the module comprising:

- a memory unit for storage of profiles;

- a collecting unit that operates using wireless, locally limited network technology, and is configured to collect profiles of subscribers in a communications system;

- a correlation unit configured to compare the collected profiles with one another; and

- a signaling/synchronization unit.

Claim 21 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the collecting unit is configured to operate on the basis of at least one of local area network (LAN) and personal area network (PAN) technologies.

Claim 22 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the memory unit comprises a RAM.

Claim 23 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the correlation unit comprises a microcomputer.

Claim 24 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the signaling/synchronization unit comprises a software assisted circuit.